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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re
application of: Malecha *et al.*

Serial No. 09/494,149

Filed: January 28, 2000

For: *Methods of Isolating the Androgenic Sex Hormone from Crustacean Prawn and Marine Shrimp and Methods of Use*

Examiner: Peter Paras
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2001 in connection with the above-referenced application. Consideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow is kindly solicited.

Accompanying this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time for two months, together with the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2), extending the period for response to September 12, 2001. Based on the emergency closure of the Office on September 11, 2001, Applicants believe that no other fees are due in connection with the filing of this Response. If the Commissioner determines otherwise, he is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (including fees for extensions of time) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Order No. A-67641-1/RFT/BTC).